Regularization of unauthorized colonies

†311. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of people are living in many unathorised colonies of Delhi;

(b) the number of unauthorised colonies not regularised as yet by Government in Delhi and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has formulated any plan regarding regularisation of such unauthorised colonies;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether any order has been issued for the regularisation of colonies, the names of the colonies and by when;

(e) whether any scheme has been formulated in this regard and its details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) The Central Government has decided to regularize unauthorized colonies (except those inhabited by affluent sections of society). Detailed guidelines in this regard have been issued on 5.10.2007. The guidelines *inter alia* contain general principles, recovery of cost of land, registration of residents' society, steps for regularization, etc. Government of NCT of Delhi (GNCTD) has forwarded list containing the names of unauthorized colonies which have applied for regularization in response to the public notice issued by the GNCTD. Those colonies which fulfil the conditions laid down in the guidelines shall be eligible for regularization. Clause 4.2 (i) of revised guidelines 2007 issued by the Government of India on 5th October, 2007 stipulate that after the receipt of the applications for regularization, the entire process of regularization of colony by GNCTD except change in land use is to be completed within six months and formal regularization after effecting change in land use within 9 months. In case the time limit prescribed above needs relaxation in respect of some colonies, the Lt. Governor, Delhi may relax the time limit on specific request of GNCTD.

However, as per clause 5.4 of the revised guidelines, 2007, GNCTD may commence the development works and augmentation of infrastructure facilities in public interest in colonies/ part of colonies soon after the receipt of layout plan, if it is satisfied that these colonies or parts thereof fulfil the general principles contained in these guidelines.

As per Clause 4.1 of the revised guidelines 2007 'Habitations' existing as on 31.3.2002 that have come up as extension to village abadi and have not been notified as Lal Dora extension to village abadi would be eligible for regularization on the same lines as unauthorized colonies subject to meeting the requirements of Regulations framed pursuant to these guidelines.

Final regularization has to take into account applicable orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court and High Court of Delhi.

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